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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003 for a period of three months.

Please charge the \$950.00 fee to American Express Account No. 3785-716974-01002. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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